

**Week #4**

# Old and New Testament Prophecies of the End Times

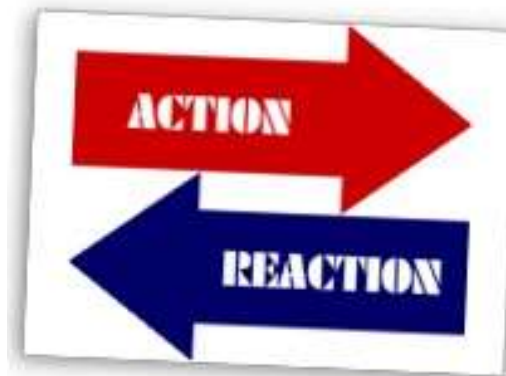
A 6-week Bible study on what the Bible says (and doesn't say) about this important subject.

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# Where did *End-Time Futurism* Come From?

- Specific names and time periods are listed on **the special handout**.
- They all have to do with what has been called the “**Rapid Rise of Futurism**” in End-Time thinking.
- A closer look at these people and events will show **a series of religious actions and reactions**.



# Where did *End-Time Futurism* Come From?

- What would explain the Jesuit emphasis on **end-time futurism** during the Counter-Reformation?



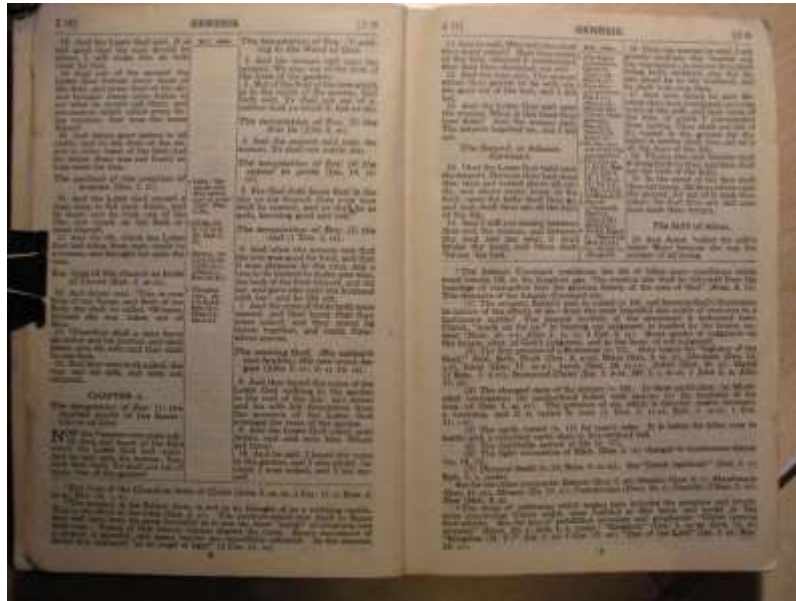
# Where did *End-Time Futurism* Come From?

- Why would the Nonconformists (dissenters) like the Plymouth Brethren emphasize **end-time futurism** during the late 1700s and early 1800s?



# Where did *End-Time Futurism* Come From?

- Why did the Scofield Reference Bible, which championed **end-time futurism**, become so popular so quickly?





# Where did *End-Time Futurism* Come From?

- Why did the founding of the modern nation of Israel (in 1948) boost the popularity of **dispensationalism**, which is based largely on **end-time futurism**.



# Where did *End-Time Futurism* Come From?

- Can you name prominent and influential dispensationalist and futurist people and organizations today?

(see special handout for a sample list)



# How did the Homework go for you?



- Did you review (again) the diagrams (p. 3)? And the summaries of what we and dispensationalists believe (p. 4-7)?
- Did you review basic principles of Bible interpretation (p. 23-24)?
- How about why dispensationalism is false and dangerous (p. 25)
- Did you bring questions with you?





# Amos 9:11-14

As you read these passages, be asking . . .

- Do you recognize this kind of language – language of peace, prosperity, and security – as a fairly common language of Old Testament prophets? Can you mention other examples?
- Can you see how millennialists (including dispensationalists) draw their teachings from passages like this one?
- What would or should lead us to reject a literal or literalistic understanding of the prophecy?

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- **Helpful passages:** *Do these help our understanding of the passage?*
- **What dispensationalists say:** *Can you see how they end up with their beliefs?*
- **What amillennialists say:** *Can you see how we end up with our beliefs?*

# Matthew 24:1-14, 29-31, 36-39

As you read these passages, be asking . . .

- What two events is Jesus talking about? What do they have in common?
- What are two distinctly different aspects in these events – and how can our understanding of them help us in the Church Militant?

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## John 5:24-29

As you read these passages, be asking . . .

- What two different resurrections is Jesus talking about in these verses?
- How many physical resurrections will there be in the future?



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# Homework for this week:

- **Review the material we went through today.**
- **Review the diagrams and belief statements of amillennialists and dispensationalists (p 3—7).**
- **Review Principles of Interpretation (p 23-24) and reasons why dispensationalism is false & dangerous (25) .**
- **Read pages 27-28, (Glossary of Terms) and the new handout (Rise of Futurism).**
- **Bring questions with you next week.**





***Soli Deo Gloria***

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